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SUBJECT: SC MEETING ON CHINESE LANGUAGE ISSUE

SUMMARY: AT UNCONTENTIOUS OPENING MEETING, SC APPROVED
BY CONSENSUS CHINESE AS WORKING LANGUAGE OF SC AS WELL
AS APPROPRIATE CHANGES IN RELEVANT PORTIONS OF PRO-
VISIONAL RULES OF PROCEDURE. END SUMMARY.

1. SC OPENED ITS 1974 MEETINGS UNDER PRESIDENCY OF
FOMIN FACIO OF COSTA RICA WITH DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL
OF DRAFT RES (UN DOCUMENT S/1192) REGARDING CHINESE
AS A WORKING LANGUAGE OF THE SC. RES WAS ADOPTED BY
CONSENSUS WITH MAJOR PORTION OF MEETING DEVOTED TO
SPEECHES WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS OF SC AND THANKING THE
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DEPARTED MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WORKINGS

OF THE SC.

2. FACIO OPENED MEETING WITH EXPECTED DISCOURSE ON COSTA RICA. OF NOTE AMONG THE SPEECHES THE FOLLOWED WAS STATEMENT MADE BY KENYA(ACTING PERMREP FAKIH) TO THE EFFECT THE KENYA WAS NOT PROPOSING ANY ACTION AT THE MOMENT, BUT WISHED TO REMIND THE SC THAT AFRICA IS NOW THE ONLY CONTINENT WHICH IS NOT REPRESENTED LIGUistically IN THE SC. IN ADDITION, AUSTRIA (PERMREP JANKOWITSCH) SUGGESTED THAT SC MIGHT USE TODAY'S DECISION AS A STARTING POINT FOR ENTIRE REVIEW OF SC PROCEDURES SINCE THE RULES WHICH GOVERN THE SC SHOULD CORRESPOND AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE WITH THE REALITIES OF THE DAY. USSR (MALIK) GAVE HIS NORMAL LENGTHY REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL FOREIGN POLICY, CITING AT GREAT LENGTH FROM BREZHNEV'S NEW YEAR'S DAY SPEECH.

3. IRAQ (ACTING PERMREP AL ZAHAWIA), AFTER GIVING SHORT POLITICAL HISTORY OF IRAQ IN FREEING ITSELF FROM THE CONTROL OF "MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS", REAFFIRMED IRAQ'S INTENTION TO ADHERE TO ITS DECLARED POLICIES OF RESTORING THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLES AND REDRESSING THE INJUSTICES DONE TO THEM THROUGH THE YEARS. HE TERMED TODAY'S RES AS THE FINAL ACT IN THE RESTORATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PRC IN THE UN. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAD ALSO APPROVED RESOLUTION MAKING ARABIC AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ITS COMMITTEES.

4. BYELORUSSIAN REP MADE LENGTHY PROPAGANDISTIC STATEMENT OF JOYS OF SOCIALISM. MAURITANIA AND CAMEROON, NEITHER REPRESENTED BY PERMREPS, HAD LITTLE TO SAY.

5. ON ISSUE OF THE DAY, THERE WAS UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FOR MAKING CHINESE WORKING LANGUAGE OF SC.

6. TEXT OF AMB SCALI'S STATEMENT SEPTEL.
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